

Planning & Community Development

Economic Vitality Element - Final Draft

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Economic Vitality Element Requirements

• RCW 36.70A.070(7) states that a city's Plan shall include:

An economic development element:

establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life.

Policy Drivers



State, Regional, County:

- A. Equity
- B. Displacement
- C. Preserving manufacturing, industrial land uses

Other:

- A. Small businesses retention
- B. High costs of housing
- C. High costs of land/facilities for existing and new businesses
- D. Pandemic recovery, resiliency



What's new: Final draft

Moved/renumbered policies for better alignment to framework policies/goals, or for clarity

- EV-4 moved to EV-1
- EV-16 moved to EV-12
- EV-27 moved to EV-23

Updated/added 12 policies:

New policies

- EV-15 workforce development (split from EV-14)
- EV-17 business districts

Updated policies

- EV-1 added "Redmond Economic Development Strategic Plan"
- EV-5 streamlined
- EV-9 clarified language
- EV-12 updated to remove "smart-city" concept
- EV-14 updated for clarity
- EV-16 updated for concepts "resident-serving" and "neighborhood-based businesses"
- EV-21 updated for clarity
- EV-22 updated for clarity
- EV-24 updated for clarity
- EV-28 updated for clarity



Thank You

Any Questions?

